

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus capable of winding and storing a cord around a reel pivotally fitted in a freely turnable manner to a pivot in a headphone housing, comprising:

contact points provided in said headphone housing[[,]]; and  
a terminal board provided in said reel and fixedly coupled to said reel so as to turn relative to the pivot as the reel turns relative to the pivot, which terminal board includes metal slip rings.

Claim 2 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said terminal board is provided on the lower surface of said reel, said contact points are provided at a position opposed in a bored portion of the reel, and two or more kinds of cords are simultaneously wound around the reel.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a peeled portion ~~made by partly peeling a~~ including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in one of said headphone housings housing is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus capable of winding and storing a cord around a reel pivotally fitted in a freely turnable manner to a pivot provided in an upright position in a casing of a portable electronic apparatus, comprising:

contact points provided in said casing of the electronic apparatus, and a terminal board provided in said reel and fixedly coupled to said reel so as to turn relative to the pivot as the reel turns relative to the pivot, which terminal board includes metal slip rings.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said terminal board is provided on the lower surface of said reel, said contact points are provided at a position opposed in a bored portion of the reel, and two or more kinds of cords are simultaneously wound around the reel.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said reel includes a hub or a hub and upper and lower flanges; said terminal board is provided on the lower surface of the reel; brushes of said contact points are provided, in the electronic apparatus casing, opposed to said metal slip rings on the terminal board; and two or more kinds of cords are simultaneously wound around the reel.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a peeled portion ~~made by partly peeling a~~ including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in ~~one of headphone housings the casing~~ is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cord-winding device ~~capable of winding configured to wind and storing~~ store a cord around a reel pivotally fitted in a freely turnable manner to a pivot in a headphone housing or casing, comprising:

contact points provided in said headphone housing or casing, and a terminal board provided in said reel and fixedly coupled to said reel so as to turn relative to the pivot as the reel turns relative to the pivot, which terminal board includes metal slip rings.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The cord-winding device according to claim 8, wherein a peeled portion ~~made by partly peeling a~~ including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in ~~one of~~ said headphone ~~housings~~ housing or in said casing is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A cord-winding method ~~capable of comprising:~~ winding and storing a cord around a reel pivotally fitted in a freely turnable manner to a pivot in a headphone housing or casing[[,]]; wherein providing contact points ~~are provided~~ in said headphone housing or casing[[,]]; providing a terminal board in said reel and fixedly coupled to said reel, the terminal board including metal slip rings ~~is provided in said reel, and said cord is wound around the reel.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The headphone apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a peeled portion ~~made by partly peeling a~~ including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in ~~one of~~ said headphone ~~housings~~ housing is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and

an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a peeled portion made by partly peeling a including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in one of headphone housings said casing is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and

an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): [[An]] The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a peeled portion made by partly peeling a including a partially peeled ground input cord of an input plug connected to a drive unit in one of headphone housings said casing is connected to terminals of said metal slip rings, and

an end of the input cord continuing from the peeled portion to be a passage cord is connected to a ground terminal of the drive unit.

Claim 14 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising brush contact points fixedly coupled to the headphone housing and disposed in contact with the metal slip rings.

Claim 15 (New): The headphone apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the brush contacts are disposed on two opposite sides of an axis of rotation of the reel.